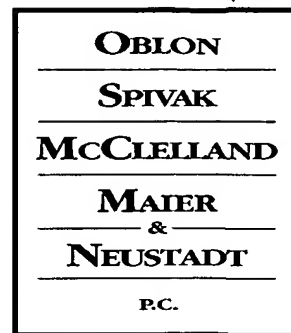




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This is responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed September 15, 2004.

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